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Campus Scene

VALLEY HISTORY

Valley College's Historical Museum has a new exhibit. This spring, El Nino fatally injured the San Fernando Valley's oldest resident, a 1,000 year old Encino oak tree. The exhibit includes pictures, news releases, and even bark and branches from the historic tree.

TAE HONOR SOCIETY

TAE will have a Numero Uno Pizza Night fundraiser on April 30 from 5-9 PM. Numero Uno is located at 12835 Victory Boulevard in North Hollywood.

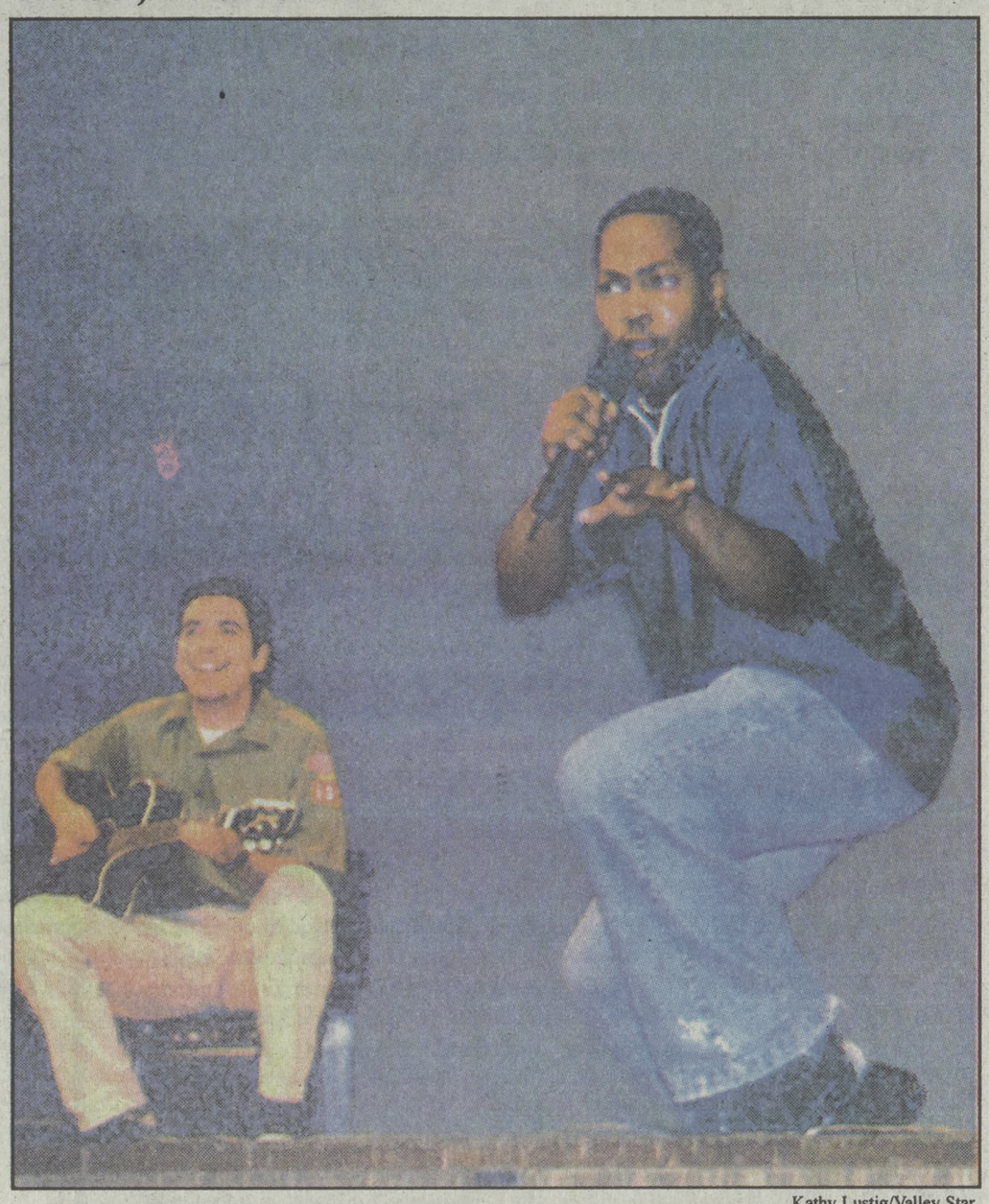
TALENT

Effigy, performed at the ASU talent show on Monday, will also perform at Buffalo Bruce's Mercantile on May 16, after 8 PM. It is located at 13661 Hubbard St. in Sylmar.

VALLEY STAR EDITOR

Applications for Editor-in Chief of the Valley Star are now available in BJ 114. Applicants must submit a completed form and a letter of interest to Ed Bond, Valley Star adviser, by May 1, at 5PM

Rollin', Rollin'. . .



Kathy Lustig/Valley Star

Sean Henry sings "Sacred Mary" while Jessie Leon plays guitar at the ASU Talent Show Monday.

Hidden talent showcased

By NANCY BARAHONA
STAR REPORTER

They sang, danced, wrote songs, and then they won money.

Three hundred-fifty dollars were given away to the winners of, "Fame or Shame," the talent show sponsored by the Associated Student Union that was held at Valley College on April 27 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in Monarch Hall.

First place winners received $150 they are Sam Payes and Jesse Leon. Payes and Leon co-wrote the song "Mars." "Mars is a song about being somewhere other than here," said Payes. "We were surprised to win because we never actually won anything before."

Payes sang while Leon played the guitar. "The talent show was good but more people should participate," said Leon.

"Old Man River," was sung by Constantine Savalos which earned him second place and $100.

Third place was a tie between Rowena Dineros, who sang "How do I Live" and Inetri Brazil, who danced to a Busta' Rhymes song. They each received $50.

"Winning was cool because I love performing and I wasn't looking to win but to have fun," said Brazil.

The judges gave professor Bill Wallace a special honorable mention because he was the only faculty member to perform in the talent show. He recited a poem that he dedicated to his English as a second language student and to all other foreign language students wrestling with the language.

Each performance was judged on a scale of one to

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An award winning shot. . .

Kathy Lustig/Valley Star

Flossie cuts in on Cocoa's action with Dr. Ann Rodiek. You can't pet just one. This picture won fourth place for Team Feature writer-photographer at the JACC awards at CSU Fresno.

LACCD Board of Trustees member dies

By ALEXIS SCALICE
STAR REPORTER

The LACCD suffered a great loss with the death of Vice Chandler of Education Dr. Kenneth S. Washington, on Monday , April 27.

As former president of the Board of Trustees, Washington had an extensive history in facilitating LACCD. He served as one of the inaugural board members in 1969 when the Board of trustees was established.

"His institutional memory will be missed quite a bit," said Assistant to the Chancellor's Office Blair Sillers. "His compassion and historical insight was very valuable to the board."

"[Washington] gave his blood, sweat and tears to this district"

—Blair Sillers Assistant to the Chancellor's Office

As an elected official of the board, Washington helped in determining the policy for LACCD.

"He was very professional, an outstanding board member and a good board member," Sillers said. "He gave his blood sweat and tears to the district."

President of Valley College Tyree Wieder said that Washington was an experienced educator that gave the Board of Trustees a perspective that included his long years of service as teacher, Trustee and administrator.

"This wisdom that he had and the concern he had for community colleges made him a strong advocate for students," Wieder said. "He placed students first in his concerns for the colleges in this district."

The board meeting on Monday, May 4, will address the options in fulfilling the vacancy.

Sillers said the board can either leave the position vacant until the next term of June 1999 , hold a special election, or fill the position on a limited basis through a selection and screening process.

"That [special election] is not likely to happen because of the money involved," Sillers said. "Most likely the position will be filled based on a selection process."

Washington was also a state wide chairman of the California Community Colleges African American Trustees and Chief Executive Officers as well as a member of the Council of Black American Affairs of the Association of California Community College Administrators.

Washington's death could not be commented on. The services will be held on Saturday, May 2 at 11 a.m. in the City of Angels church of Religious Science. The address of the church is 5550 Grosveor St. in Culver City.

Alley oop!. . .

Marcy Petrique/Valley Star

Students shoot some hoops for prizes at GM's "Fun in the Sun Expo."

GM has 'Fun in the Sun'

By LAURA RENOLDS
STAR REPORTER

Valley College students came out to see the event on campus yesterday held at the quad (in front of the Book Store) General Motors Fun in the Sun. The events were food, games and prizes given to those students that won a contest of shooting a basket ball and also rolling a ball in a hoop.

The General Motor Marketing Internship (GMMI) program is an alliance between college campuses, General Motors and local GM dealerships.

Students who attend an internship with GMMI program are provide with the opportunity to gain valuable hands on experience, while offering General Motors new insights and ideas from the minds of the future automobile consumer.

EdVenture Partners manage the program and Sonia D. Arruda was the representative for GMMI. Associated Professor of Business Earl B. Neal Jr. of Management Class 13, was also at the event and $2,500 was given by GM for increasing awareness for interns.

Neal gave great thanks to Dean of Academic Affairs Rodger McGinness for a job well done in helping with the program on campus.

One student who joined the fun was Lorraine Call, a journalism major, who said, "I came for the food and fun and if I win a contest I'll feel better."

There were three Pontiac Sunfires displayed. Students were given the opportunity to sit in the car and listen to a short recording of the car's many features.

Business Management class 13 will be held in the fall according to Neal so sign up for the class contact him at (818)781-1200 ext..366.

What's the deal with...

Jerry Springer's audience

DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

Smack! P o w ! Ooof!

No, this is not B a t m a n you are watching; It's an episode of J e r r y Springer.

If you watch the show that has recently been characterized by TV Guide as one of America's most popular talk shows, you are guaranteed to see some form of physical violence.

Why is it so popular? Why do we want to witness people slugging each other on some talk show?

Dr. David Cummings from the Vermont Behavioral Institute say that watching shows like this help us get out our aggressions.

"Watching some guy get slapped for cheating on his wife makes people feel good; like there is some justice in the world," He said.

This would explain springer's through the roof ratings and repetitive programming. On any given day, one could turn to KCAL and see at least four episodes of the most violent "talk" show in America.

What has our society come to that is needs this kind of justice?

"Many of us get into relationships that end with much less dramatic, but just as emotionally devastating consequences [as the ones seen on television,] but we never resolve the pain. This is our way of getting closure," Cummings added.

Boy, our society must need a lot of closure!

What about the show's guests?

We all know they're getting paid, but are they real?

Jim Thomas, a spokesperson for the show claims they are, "Each and every one of our guests is the real deal." he said.

If this is true, what does that say about America's relationships, or worse, I.Q.?

For example, lets say you were a guy and your girlfriend lean over to you one night at dinner and said, "Honey, we're going to be on Jerry Springer next week."

It doesn't take an astro-physicist to figure out that *she* is either really a *he*, having an affair with another woman, or really a stripper.

Unless you want to stay in a relationship with one of the above, I recommend running like hell!

But what if the guests, or at least their stories, aren't real? Recently, KROQ radio's Kevin and Bean, it was reported that sixteen different people have come forward to a popular television news magazine, and reported that they were coached by producers of Jerry Springer on what they were to say and be angry about.

One woman reportedly was told to be angry about her friend being a stripper when in fact, she was not.

It is common knowledge that guests of Springer's show are paid to appear, but on this matter, Thomas refused to comment. Rumor has it that guests are paid $1,000 plus room and flight. Would this kind of treatment prompt guests to lie on television?

Unless you want to stay in a relationship with one of the above, I recommend running like hell!

I guess we'll be finding out soon, the next time we watch a television tabloid story.

So what's the problem?

I just wonder why people watch this stuff. Don't we have enough garbage in our own yards? Do we really need to paw through another's?

Please, Support the intellectual future of our country; read a book instead.

LETTERS TO THE STAR

Disappointed honor students

■The Dean's Reception on April 15th in Monarch Hall, for Honors Students turned out to be a rather disappointing affair. I was amazed by the guest speaker, Dr. Michael Broggie, of College Enterprises, Inc., when he began to speak at length about his own soon to be released book on Walt Disney. His speech did not relate to his audience in anyway shape or form. It was totally inappropriate for the occasion, but that didn't stop him.

There seems to be a consensus of opinion among other students in attendance that this self-serving sales pitch was offensive. His address held us as a captive audience. He didn't miss an irrelevant detail concerning his book. I thought repeatedly..."what does this have to do with us?" The only thing he lacked was a sales table set up at the exit, and an exit toll to escape out the door.

No wonder so many of us walked out. I was polite and stalwart enough to sit through over a half hour of him droning on, hoping that he would soon get around to the students. Eventually it got to a point that I just couldn't stand it anymore. It became evident that he wasn't going to get around to us—ever.

It seems that Dr. Broggie makes a practice of hitching his star to other people's wagons. In this case, by way of writing about another man's achievement, namely Walt Disney, and using our time and hard work for his own self-aggrandizement.

A better name for him would be Dr. Brags, his presentation was rude and boorish. He deprived all of us what was rightfully our own...a sense of pride in ourselves for a job well done. A cheap shot.

Sincerely,

Colleen Sloan, Jennifer Smith, and Jean Michel
Honor students

On campus saftey drills

■The Valley Star's staff has maligned the LAVC Chemistry faculty in an April 3rd editorial.

The editorial regarding campus fire drills falsely stated that a chemistry class in the Life Science building disregarded a fire alarm and continued with classroom activities. The editorial admonished with unnamed faculty memberís behavior with the statement: "The instructor of that chemistry class put the students life (sic) in jeopardy."

As the LAVC Chemistry Department Chairperson, I would like to know who is leading an unauthorized chemistry class on this campus. All LAVC-sanctioned chemistry classes are scheduled to meet in the Chemistry building, as a simple review of the schedule of classes would reveal.

A visit to an authorized chemistry class would demonstrate that safety is a daily issue, not just when alarms sound. At the start of each semester, before any chemicals are handled, every class has a safety training session where students view a safety video, learn the location and use of lab safety equipment, practice lab evacuations (for earthquake or fire), and sign a safety sheet acknowledging their participation in the training. Additionally, students are required to wear safety goggles when performing their laboratory experiments.

At the sound of a campus fire alarm the Chemistry building is evacuated, even when classes are not in session. If campus emergency procedures did not require evacuations of the building, we would still do so. The presence of numerous chemicals makes evacuation the only prudent choice.

I await a public apology to the LAVC Chemistry faculty an suggest that the Star's staff institute the professional practice of researching oneís story prior to publication.

Elizabeth S. Friedman, Ph.D.
Chemistry Chair

Some things get better

■Keep up the gook work! Ten years ago, I took journalism classes at Valley College and was a part of the Editorial staff, but I feel that the quality of your newspaper then has improved greatly since the photography and stories are well done.

Also there are a lot less mistakes than there were ten years ago.

I guess some things do improve with age.

Sincerely,

Harriet Steinberg
LAVC Student

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Valley Star acknowledges that one fact in our April 3 editorial, *Campus fire drills not taken seriously,* was inaccurately reported. It was stated that a Chemistry class did not evacuate, however, it was some kind of a science class in one of rooms in the Life Science Building. We are sorry for any inconvenience.

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More than just pom-poms...

Cheerleaders are athletes with an attitude

ALEXIS SCALICE
STAR REPORTER

Give me an R! Give me and E! Give me an SPEC! And a T!

What does that spell? Respect, something male and female cheerleaders have lacked from the start.

The notorious image of a bunch of girls in short skirts, high pony tails, with colorful pom-poms in their hands is what most of society defines as cheerleading. Many are unaware of the challenges, hardships, extensive practice and the physical activity that cheerleading requires.

These individuals, devoting their time to supporting various sporting events are just as much of an athlete as the ones they are cheering for. Cheerleading is undoubtedly a sport. In Webster's Dictionary, the definition of a sport is "any activity that involves energy and an element of competition."

Cheerleading fits that description to a tee. There is definitely energy involved after watching five girls perform three back hand springs and continue an upbeat chant. As far as competition goes, thousands of teams compete for national titles on the nations most popular sports network, ESPN.

So why not make it an Olympic event? If synchronized swimming, ice skating, and gymnastics have gold medals behind them, so should a group of powerful dancers, and tumblers who offer the largest smiles.

Give cheerleading the respect and attention it deserves. It is a form of entertainment as all sporting events are, and attracting crowds has never been a problem.

People will watch, but do they understand the intensity behind an accomplished cheerleader? I doubt it!

A football teams has problems carrying out a second play. So try memorizing a three to five minute routine with formation changes, facials and performing in complete synchrony with other team players. It's not a cake walk by any means. Cheerleading involves a lot of talent, hard work and dedication.

It is also a co-ed sport, just like tennis or basketball. Male cheerleaders are just as much of an asset as women are and should not be harassed when participating in this sport.

Lets hear it for all the smiles, loud chants and exciting routines cheerleaders offer.

With that, however comes sore muscles, losses and stepped on egos.

They are troopers. It's time to give these leaders of spirit the respect they deserve.

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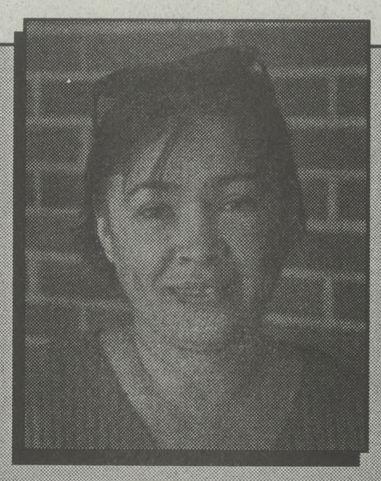
Photo Survey

What's the deal with George Michael getting arrested?

"I think he really deserved it [to get arrested] because it is highly improper because of his celebrity status. He should be setting an example."
-Brian Ban



"It's disgusting because he's doing it in a public place.He can do whatever he wants at his house, but not in public!"
-Adela Rolon

"Isn't that what a public bath room is for? As long as I don't see what he did on [TV], I don't give a damn!"
-Martin Trutt

Taking care of business: Online

By ROBIN FEJES
STAR REPORTER

Whether your already in business for yourself or thinking of starting a business and making money online, one key to success in getting started is knowing and understanding the basics of the Internet.

The next step is signing up for online services, through an Internet Service Provider, who gives you access.

Once your signed on, the next step is learning how to utilize those controls or "search engines," so you can navigate your course through cyber space.

For first time Internet users or "newbies," cruising "The Information Super Highway" often feels like driving slow in the fast lane and can be quite discouraging.

With time and practice you'll also be surfing the World Wide Web with lightning speed and accuracy and ready for the next step toward starting your business online.

"Before you spend money having someone build your Web site, start visiting other business Web sites similar to yours and decide what you like and don't like about their sites," said Lynn Robinson, Instructional Assistant at Valley College, computer sciences department. Once you have an idea how Web sites look, here's a guide to getting familiar with the basic language, services and history of the Internet.

The Internet has several nicknames, "The Information Super Highway, The Net, Cyberspace and the Infobahn." It's a vast computer network made of many smaller, interconnected networks. This computer network consists of computers connected to other computers for the purposes of communicating and sharing resources.

The Internet was started in 1969 by the Advance Research Projects Agency or APRA, of the United States Department of Defense, who in turn, established ARPAnet, an experimental 4-computer network.

This project connected three computers in California with one in Utah so that research scientists, military research contractors and universities doing military-funded research could communicate and link. In the event enemy attack or other incidents disrupted one of the links, its traffic could be rerouted automatically to other links, by dynamic rerouting.

In 1971 ARPAnet linked almost 2 dozen sites and by 1974 this grew to 200 sites.

By 1980, more computers using different operating systems were connected and in 1983 the military portion of ARPAnet was moved to MILnet. The new smaller APRAnet would have the nonmilitary sites and MILnet would have the military sites.

In the late 1980"s, the National Science Foundation set up five supercomputer centers for research use. The researchers could use ARPAnet to send their programs to be "supercomputed," and then send back the results.

Due to politics and technical difficulties the NSF discarded ARPAnet and began their own network connecting the supercomputing centers with regional networks, allowing regional user's to access it. It was primarily the domain of "tecchies," consisting of university professors and students majoring or interested in Computer Science and Information Technology.

One of the biggest breakthroughs in information distribution over the Internet is the World Wide Web, invented in 1989 at the European Particle Physics Lab in Geneva, Switzerland.

The WWW was originally developed as a European center for nuclear research so scientists in Geneva could share information.

The World Wide Web, commonly called the Web or WWW, connects electronic documents, known as web pages, around the globe. Each page can be a combination of audio clips, video clips, animation, pictures, text and a variety of other materials, being developed daily.

The creation of the WWW has been mainly attributed to Tim Berners-Lee, a former software consultant who collaborated with a colleague on its early design.. Lee's other inventions include: Hypertext Transport Protocol or HTTP, the way Web browsers communicate with Web servers. Hypertext Markup Language or HTML, which Web pages are written. Uniform Resource Locators, or URL's, the codes used to identify Web pages and most other information on the Net. Lee.

In 1990 ARPAnet officially disbanded, but the DOD still maintains its own operational and testing network, known as the Defense Data Network or DDN. In 1991 Al Gore, then a Senator proposed widening the NSFnet to include more schools and colleges.

Legislation expanded NSFnet and it was renamed to National Research and Educational Network or NREN and allowed businesses to purchase part of the network for a variety of commercial uses. The NSFnet supercomputers became so costly and unpredictable, that the NSFnet decided to continue to exist within the Internet and abandon its original purpose.

In 1992 World Wide Web system and software were released. In 1993 the National Center for Super Computing Applications release versions of Microsoft Windows and Apple Macintosh.

By 1994, several large commercial Internet networks, who grew within the Internet, such as IBM and Sprint and other specialist Internet companies like Alternet and PSI, caused the NSFnet to wind down, because its traffic was taken over by these commercial networks.

The NSFnet still permitted traffic related only to education and research, while the commercial IP services were used for all other purposes, providing a direct connection for its customers. IP networks are available world wide through the local telephone company or run by independent regional or national providers. Almost all countries are connected directly or indirectly to some U.S. network, so they can communicate with each other.

In 1994 Netscape Communicator released Netscape Browser. In 1995 Microsoft released Internet Explorer. By mid 1997's these browsers were in fierce competition with each other.

According to experts, the Internet is directed by the Internet Society composed of volunteers. The ISOC appoints a subcouncil, the Internet Architecture Board or IAB which works out issues of standards, network resources, network addresses and other Internet related concerns. The Internet Engineering Task Force or IETF is composed of volunteers who handle day-to-day issues of Internet operation.

Lee is now the Director of the World Wide Web consortium (W3), the organization that sets standards and often oversees the development of the Web.

The Internet is used for a variety of business reasons, the most common are: Advertising, promoting and displaying products and services; buying and selling products and services; communicating with the general public; educating and informing the general product about a business and its specific purpose; investing in stocks and bonds; researching direct competition; and job searches.

Tips

ISP's, like AOL allow you to disconnect and work offline so you can read your downloaded e-mail, compose new messages or replies. Working offline avoids tying up your phone line and the ISP lines, enabling another user to connect in your place.

Today, the Internet is the world's largest and most widely used computer network. It's estimated to have 30 million users in the United States and 50 million worldwide.

By the year 2000, 50% of households will be online. The Internet is accessible in more than 100 countries. The average web user is 35.2 years old and accesses the web primarily from home.

Credits:

World Wide Web Consortium @ http://www.w3.org.
World Almanac, 1998

When visiting Web sites, you'll see abbreviated endings at the end of a web address, called Domains or zones. These endings identify what type of web site youíre viewing.

Common Domains are:

.arts- Organizations that emphasize cultural and entertainment activities
.com-Commercial (Business, Company, Organization)
.edu-Educational, all types
.firm-Business
.gov-Non military, government entity
.info-Organization providing information services
.int-International organization
.mil-Mil<None>itary organization
.net-Network Administration
.nom-Personal or individual names
.org-Some other organization
.rec-Organization that emphasizes recreation and entertainment activities
.store-Business that sells products

Common Buzz words found on the Internet:

Address: for sending e-mail.
BBS (Bulletin Board System): a computer system equipped with one or more modems or other means of network access that serves as an information and message passing center for remote users.
BCC (Blind Carbon Copy): BCC addresses that can get a copy of your e-mail.
CC (Carbon copy): CC addresses that can get a copy of your e-mail.
Browser: lets you read information on the WWW.
Chat: talking or typing all over the world over a computer network.
Download: copying a file from a remote computer to yours.
Extranet: same as the Intranet only now the organizations customers, suppliers and business partners can have access to this information.
Fidonet: worldwide network of bulletin board systems with Internet e-mail access.
Firewall: a security system intended to protect an organization's network against external threats from another network.
Flame:- an abusive or personally insulting e-mail message or news group posting.
FTP (File transport protocol): transfer files from one computer to another over the net.
Intranet: a bunch of services, such as Web pages, that are accessible only within an organizations internal network with a few Web servers, serving up pages to people in the organization.
Internaut: someone who navigates the Internet with skill.
Link: a Hypertext connection that takes you to another document or part of the same document.
Mailbot: a program that automatically sends or answers e-mail.
MAC/TCP: a TCP/IP that puts your MAC on the Internet.
Modem: a device that lets your computer talk on the phone, cable or tv.
Netiquette: short for network etiquette. (All caps are a no no, looks like your shouting.)
Shareware: computer programs you can access and use on a trial basis, then pay to stay
Spam (Electronic junk mail): Unsolicited E-mail message sent to many recipients at one time or a news article posted simultaneously to many news groups.
Upload: to copy your stuff to someone elses computer.
User Name or Login Name: the name on your account with your internet provider allowing you to access the internet.

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High school seniors visit Valley College

By REBEKAH FOWLER
STAR REPORTER

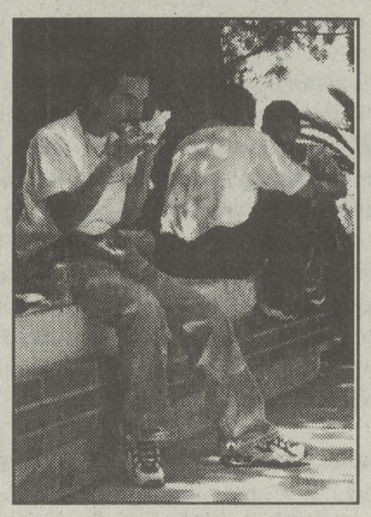
High School Senior Day at Valley College gave seniors from seven different High schools the chance to get familiar with the college atmosphere.

The seniors were treated to a complete tour of Valley College and all the major departments.

LAVC Dance Troup strutted their stuff college style, showing the seniors a sample of what Valley has to offer.

A presentation from the Music/Audio Department, featured the *Beatniks*.

The festivities continue today.



Julio Cortez/ Valley Star

Victor Leal of Sylmar High School enjoys lunch during the High School Senior Day at Valley College

Kathy Lustig/Valley Star

Inetri Brazil, Rowena Dineros, Sam Payes, and Jesse Leon were some of the winners at Valley's talent show "Fame or Shame."

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10, 10 being the best. They were judged on three categories: presentation, creativity, and execution over their act.

The judges at the talent show were Isaac Cuevas, a Broadcasting student; Sherry Matthews from student services; and Alison Scalorns, vice president of the ASU.

"I thought the performers were very original and they were all very talented," said Kimberly Paige. "It's a shame there wasn't a larger audience and more participants."

Other performers were Renee Madera, Wilma T. Monroe, Andrea Mayer, Chris Allport, and Sean Henry.

Scalorns gave thanks to Bill Wallace, the Broadcasting department, Mike Berstein, Lorenzo Trujillo, her fellow ASU officers, and Norma Hans, who was the mistress of ceremonies.

"I think it was a good start to something that could be more successful in the future," said Hans. "There wasn't a great turnout in audience but a great one in performance."

Journalism students win awards

Award Winners

Julio Cortez-Honorable mention/mail-in newspaper sports news story; fourth place/on the spot sports writing.

Rebekah Fowler-Third place/magazine opinion;first place/magazine profile article.

Deeanne McClain-Honorable mention/mail-in newspaper column writing;honorable mention/magazine feature; fourth place/on the spot team feature writing.

Monica Lid-First place/magazine photo.

Kathy Lustig-Fourth place/on the spot team feature photo.

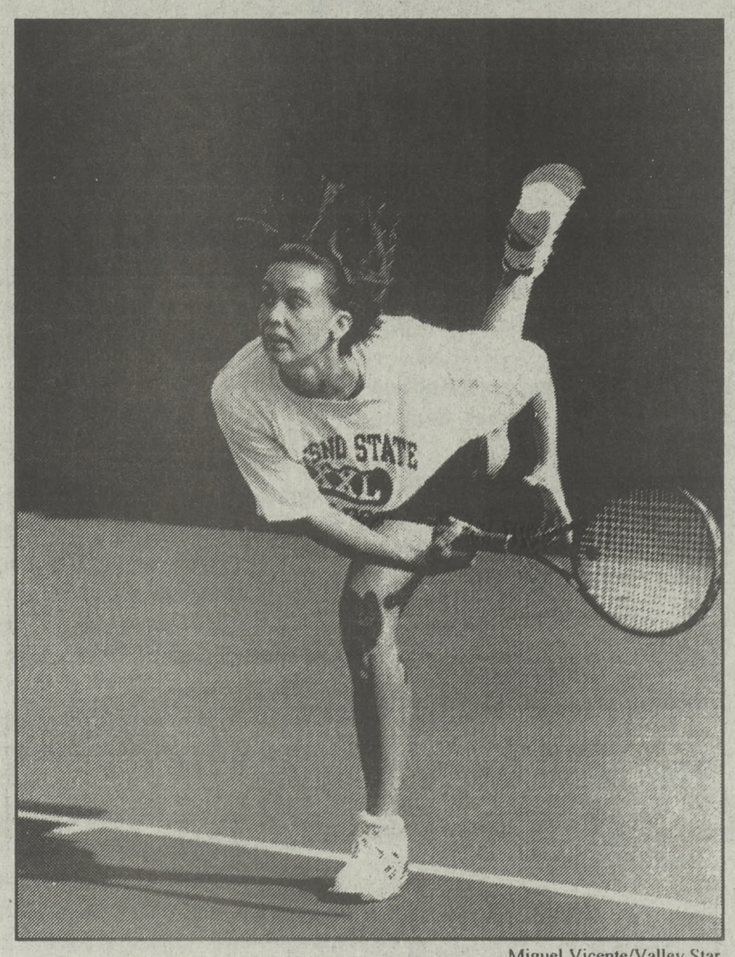
Alexis Scalice-Honorable mention/on the spot feature story.

John Tarr-Honorable mention/magazine cover design;fourth place/magazine photo;second place/magazine profile article.

Linda Thomas-Honorable mention/mail-in newspaper feature story;second place/mail-in newspaper news story;honorable mention/magazine opinion.

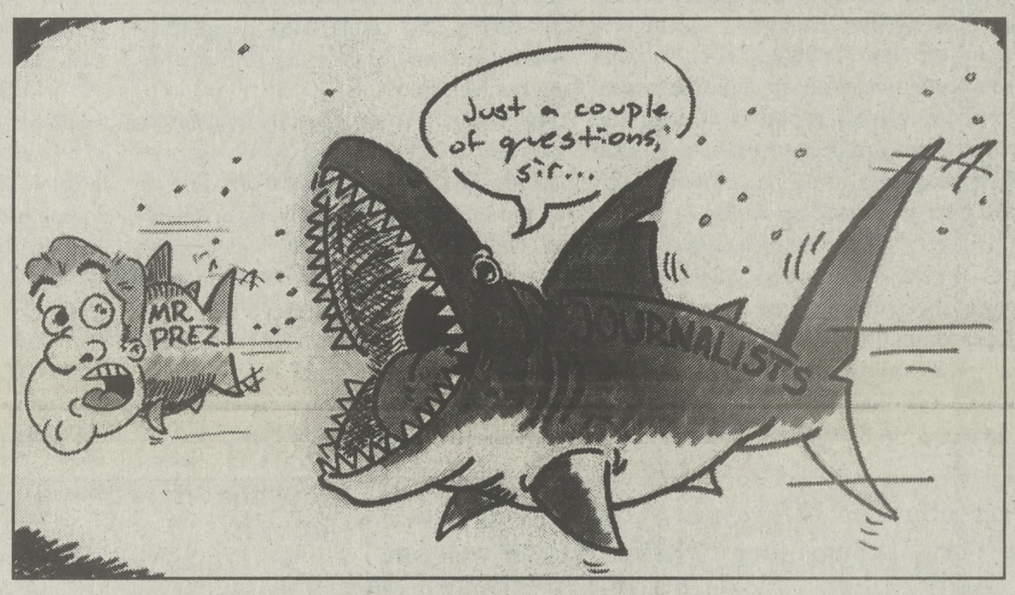
Leo Smith-Second place/magazine illustration;2 honorable mentions/magazine illustration;third place/on the spot editorial cartoon;third place/on the spot feature story.

Miguel Vicemte-Honorable mention/on the spot sports photo.



Miguel Vicente/Valley Star

(top) Miguel Vicente received honorable mention for his on-the-spot sports photo at California State University Fresno.



(left) Leo Smith won third place for his editorial cartoon based on a keynote speech given by Paul McMasters, ombudsman for the Freedom Forum at last weekends JACC conference in Fresno.

Chris M.'s Top Five

Useful descriptions for people you deal with day to day.

5. Not the sharpest knife in the drawer.

4. Got into the gene pool while the lifeguard wasn't watching.

3. Wheel is turning, but the hamster is dead.

2. If brains were taxed, they'd get a rebate.

And the number one most useful description for people you deal with day to day...

A photographic memory, but the lens cap is still on.

Madonna's new album shows she's still 'Frozen' in success

BY DEEANNE McCLAIN
STAR REPORTER

Madonna's new CD, *Ray of Light*, is out and taking music lovers by storm.

Whoever thought she may be getting too old to be hip has not listened to this CD.

Being a mom has clearly matured Madonna and her attitude toward her craft. The music, however, is definitely not over the hill.

The first song, "Drowned world/substitute for love," is very good. It has a dreamy beginning and an upbeat finish, with several synthesized effects. The second track, "Swim," has a sort of seventies pop-rock sound, with an old electric guitar playing the melody.

Several of the other songs, like "Candy perfume girl," have a newer, wild, electronic music feel, with cool synthed noises and a faster beat. This sound brings Madonna into the nineties.

The CD is leaping off the shelves, proving her versatility and endurance in the industry.

Courtesy of Warner Brothers

Her single, "Frozen," has been on the charts for weeks, showing that the old belief about women in the music industry aging faster than men is truly a myth.

Her old rebellious self seems to have been squelched by the birth of her daughter, Lourdes. Her spiritual side shows in her music and even in the naming of her daughter. While on location for *Evita*, Madonna fell in love with the beauty of a city called Lourdes, hence the name.

Madonna said in a recent interview on MTV that the song "Little star" was written for Lourdes. The song is lovely, full of hope and love. Motherhood has clearly effected her.

Madonna has always been on the cutting edge. with the masses following her lead.

It appears nothing much has changed. Madonna will always be Madonna.

A few weeks ago when she was on the Rosie O'donnell show. Madonna kept asking everyone. "Do you like my new CD?"

Yes. Madonna. I love it.

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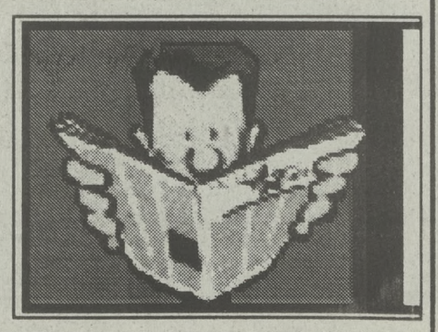
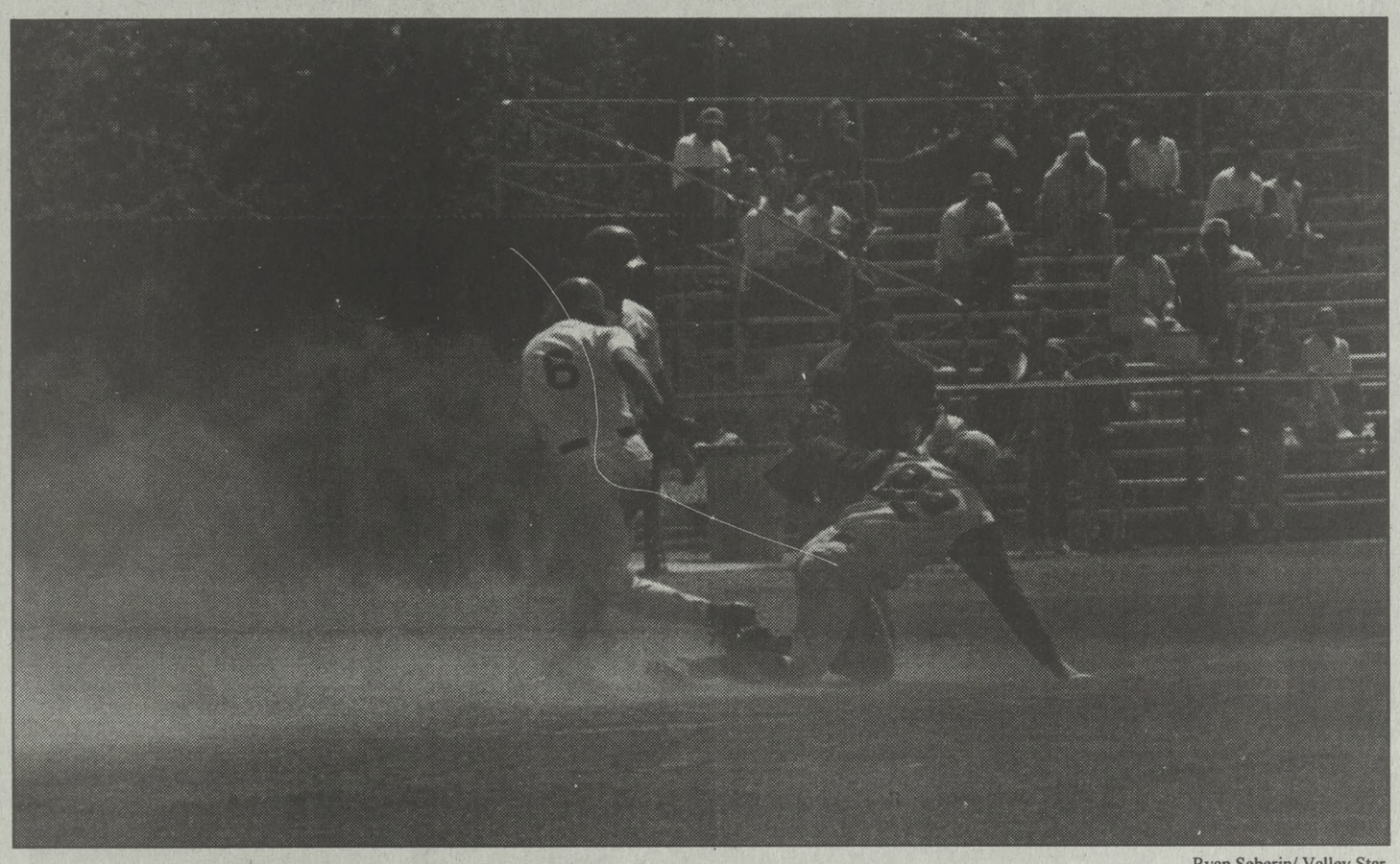


Monarchs lose...



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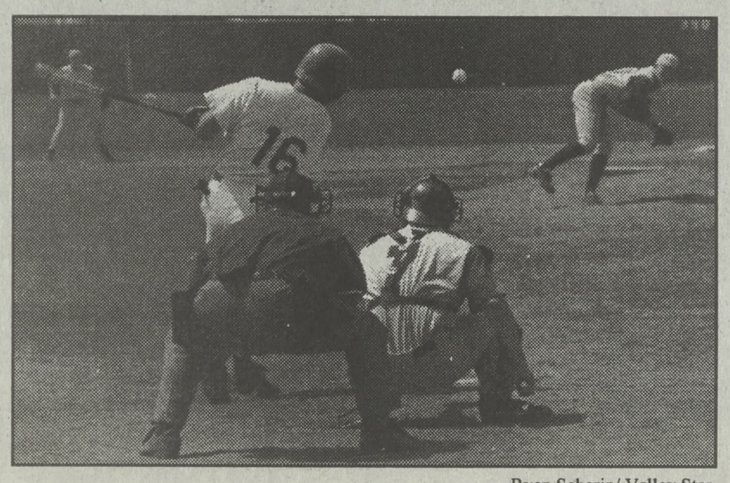

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The Monarchs lost to Glendale College on April 25, 1998 by the score 12-7.

The Monarchs are in the last place of the Western State Conference Southern Division. Their season ends on Saturday as they travel to Pierce College.

(Top) Ray Montenegro slides safe at home past Glendale pitcher. (Right) Alonso Arreola takes a full swing at the pitch.

Valley finishes 4th and 5th

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

Valley College men's and women's swimming teams finished in fourth and fifth place in the Western State Conference Championships on April 23-25 at Cuesta College.

The women's team, who finished fourth in the championships, was led by Melissa Minkey, Stephanie Hammer and Anna Hartsfield.

"We had some great drops in times and we were peaked and tapered very well," said Coach Bill Krauss.

"Overall I was very pleased with both of our teams' performance in the conference championships."
-Coach Bill Krauss

Minkey placed second in the 200 individual medley at 2.23.45 and third in the 100m backstroke in 1.05.34. Hammer also placed second in her competition. She finished the 100m freestyle in 57.11 while placing third in the 200m freestyle at 2.07.05. Hartsfield was third in the 200m individual medley and fourth in the 100m Butterfly at 1.05.26.

Every member of the men's team, who finished in fifth place, had a personal best in at least one of their competitions.

Mike Scarcelli led Valley College as he won the 100m freestyle in 46.12, setting a new conference and school record. The old record stood at 47.23 set by Harold Wood in 1978.

Scarcelli also set the school's record by finishing the 50m freestyle in 21.23 and the 200m individual medley in 1.55.78.

Pete Driscoll placed fifth by winning the 50m freestyle in 21.98 and Nate Burris also placed fifth as he finished the 400 individual medley in 4.36.48.

Francisco Diaz finished fourth in the one meter and the three meter diving events.

"Overall I was very pleased with both of our teams' performance in the conference championships," Coach Krauss said.

The team is prepared for the state championships which will be held in Ventura College starting today and going all the way into Saturday.

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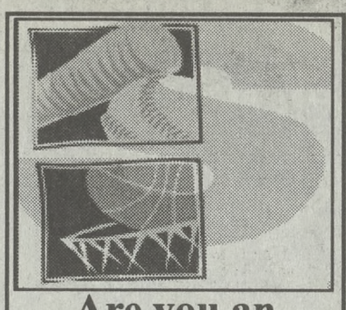

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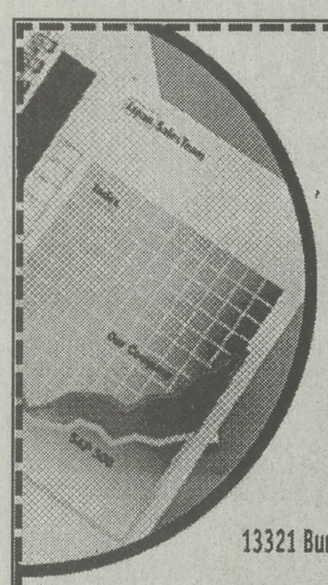

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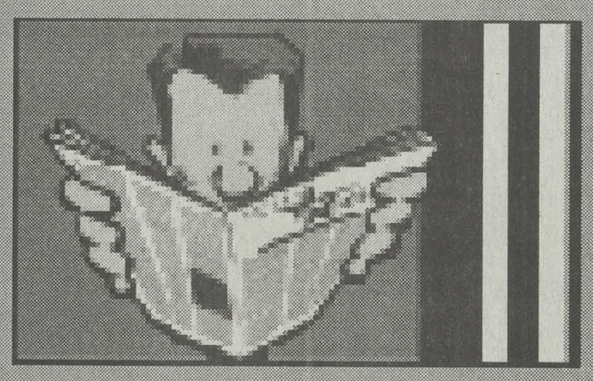

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Monarch Baseball: A League of Their Own

Photos By: Julio Cortez

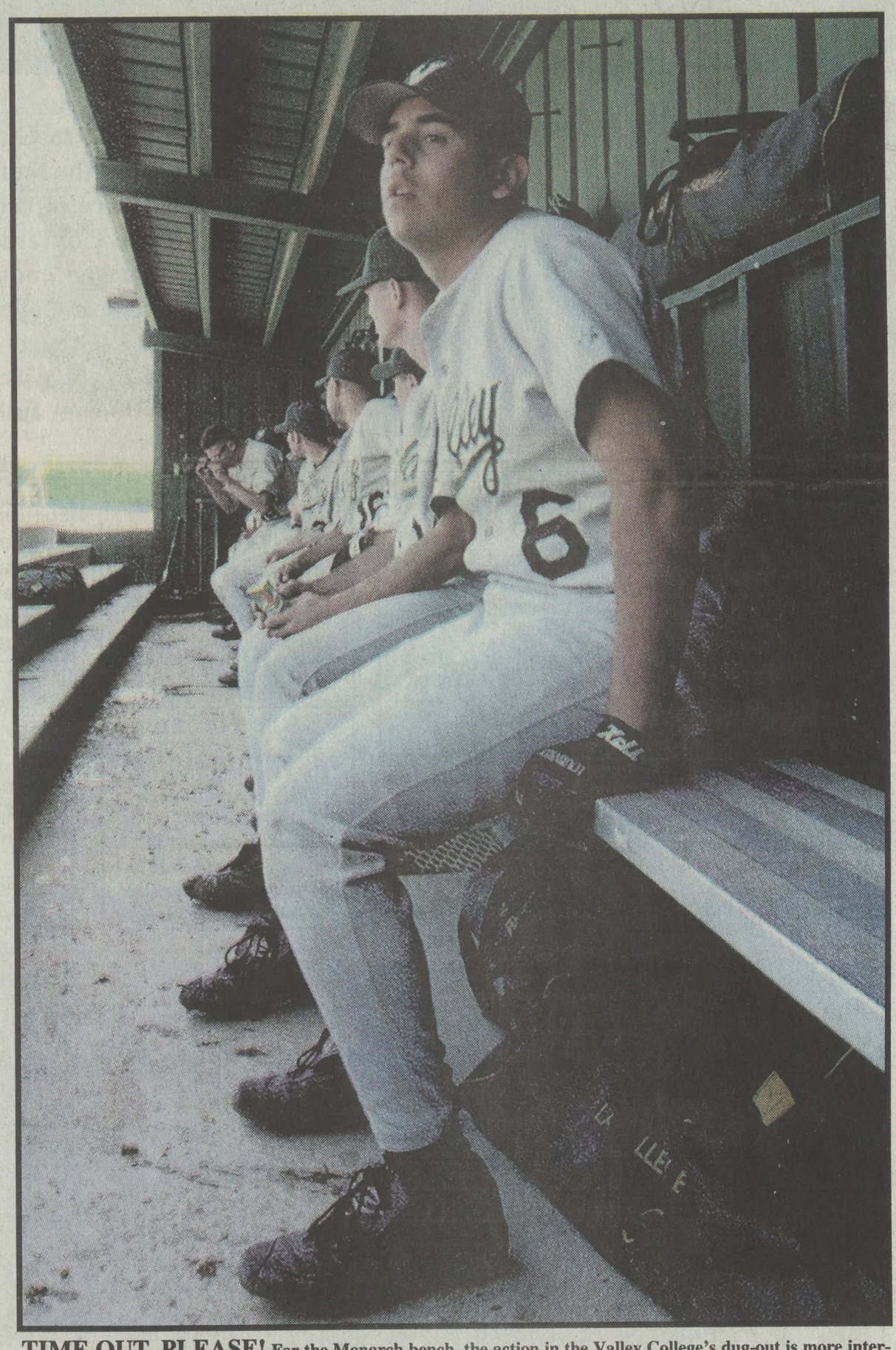
Ronny Reynoso dives back to first base as Bakersfield's Josh Witcher awaits the ball.

By JULIO CORTEZ
STAR REPORTER

The Valley College baseball team (11-24, 7-16) ends their 1998 Western State Conference Souther Division baseball season next Saturday at Pierce College.

Though not making the play-offs for the 7th consecutive time, the Monarchs were involved with a lot of action throughout the season.

HERE COMES THE HEAT! Valley College pitcher Ruben Lopez gives his best stuff to the Bakersfield Renegades at Gerry Collis Field in Bakersfield.



TIME OUT, PLEASE! For the Monarch bench, the action in the Valley College's dug-out is more interesting than what's happening on the field. Ray Montenegro (#6) focuses more on what's happening at the plate.

Frank Diaz takes a full swing at the pitch as Pierce catcher Micah Berger reaches out for the pitch in a game at Valley College.